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-- 23. A method of identifying an integrated circuit, comprising:  
programming the integrated circuit with an electronic identification information;  
and  
marking the integrated circuit with an optical identification code that corresponds  
with the electronic identification information;  
reading the electronic identification information; and  
cross-referencing the optical identification code with the read electronic  
identification information to associate the optical identification code with the corresponding  
electronic identification information.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein the act of cross-referencing the optical  
identification code with the read electronic identification information comprises:  
reading the optical identification code; and  
cross-referencing the read optical identification code with the read electronic  
identification information.

25. The method of claim 23 wherein the act of cross-referencing the optical  
identification code with the read electronic identification information comprises accessing a  
lookup table containing the optical identification code and the read electronic identification  
information.

26. The method of claim 23 wherein the act of programming the integrated  
circuit with electronic identification information comprises programming at least one of a  
plurality of programmable links.

27. The method of claim 23 wherein the act of marking the integrated circuit  
with an optical identification code includes the step of placing an adhesive label on the integrated  
circuit.

28. In an integrated circuit which includes a programmable circuit for storing an electronically readable identification code which identifies the integrated circuit, a method of identifying the integrated circuit, comprising the steps of:

marking the integrated circuit with an optical identification code;

reading the electronically readable identification code; and

comparing the optical identification code with the read electronically readable identification code to associate the optical identification code with the electronically readable identification code.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein the act of comparing the read electronically readable identification code with the optical identification code comprises:

creating a look-up table that associates the optical identification code for each of a plurality of integrated circuits with an optical identification code; and

accessing the look-up table.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the act of creating a look-up table that associates the optical identification code for each of a plurality of integrated circuits with an optical identification code comprises creating a look-up table that uniquely associates the optical identification code for each of a plurality of integrated circuits with an optical identification code.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein the act of creating a look-up table that associates the optical identification code for each of a plurality of integrated circuits with an optical identification code comprises creating a look-up table that uniquely associates the optical identification code for each of a plurality of integrated circuits with an optical identification code.

32. An integrated circuit comprising an integrated circuit chip mounted within a package, the integrated circuit comprising:

an identification circuit fabricated on the integrated circuit chip, the identification circuit being operable to store identification data; and